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Hundreds of health workers walk out over pay

ANGELS GO ON STRIKE

‘People have had to start going to food banks. They are on a wage that they can’t afford to live on’



NHS staff pictured on strike outside the Horton General Hospital, Banbury, who are demanding fair pay

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HUNDREDS of health workers across Oxfordshire walked out on Monday in their campaign for better pay.

Members of the Royal College of Midwives went on strike for the first time in its 133-year history.

They were joined on the picket lines by receptionists, ambulance staff, occupational therapists and other workers.

Action was taken after the Government refused to follow an independent pay review board’s recommendation of a one per cent increase for all.

Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust, which runs the county’s main hospitals, including the Horton in Banbury, said that patient care had not been affected during the strike.

But it did not reveal how many staff stopped working, how many, if any, operations were cancelled or the number of any temporary staff brought in and their cost.

Hospital and ambulance service workers took to picket lines across the county between 7am to 11am on Monday.

Unison steward Susan Parkinson, a cardiac care medical secretary, said: “People

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have had to start going to food banks. That is a sign of the times. They are on a wage that they can’t afford to live on.”

Midwifery leader Katriona Cusick, 50, said: “I’m glad the strike happened but it is also really sad. I would rather be helping a pregnant woman with her labour.”

As well as midwives, strikes included members of Unison, Unite, UCATT, GMB and the British Association of Occupational Therapists.

Banbury MP Sir Tony Baldry said: “I can fully appreciate the frustration of nurses and indeed of all those in the public sector who feel they have seen little by way of pay increases in recent years although I think in fairness there are many in the private sector who are in a similar situation. I can also see it is difficult ensuring a pay structure where a large number of those involved are in any event entitled to an annual incremental increase.”

Local Unite treasurer Jimmy Nichol estimated 200 to 300 people across the county had taken part.

Cars honked in support of pickets outside Banbury’s Horton General Hospital.

Union members who play a role in providing emergency cover continued to do so during the strike period.

Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust director of organisational development and workforce Mark Power said that patient safety had “not been compromised”.

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Awards throw spotlight on top carers for the old

EXCEPTIONAL carers of older people across the county are set to be rewarded for the care they provide.

The third annual Dignity Every Day awards have been organised by charity Age UK Oxfordshire.

They celebrate professional carers of older people who have provided an excellent service of care.

Chief Executive of Age UK Oxfordshire Paul Cann said: "Every week brings another story of dignity lost and care which lacks compassion."

"But we want to celebrate the many who care with kindness and work tirelessly for the good of others."

"Publicising the good practice should shame poor care and galvanise those who are failing."

The awards have five categories, including an employee, care home, volunteer, senior manager and inspirational individual.

Winners will be celebrated at a prize-giving ceremony on Friday, November 14.

Age UK Oxfordshire provides free advice and support to older people across the county.

For details visit: ageuk.org.uk/Oxfordshire or call Rachelle Kennedy on 01235 849409.

■ Eight local health bosses got £85,000 to £125,000 in bonuses

Mixed views over big payouts to NHS chiefs



EIGHT health bosses received between £85,000 and £125,000 in bonuses last year, latest figures show.

Chief executive Sir Jonathan Michael received the biggest payout at Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust, of between £35,000 and £40,000 – down from £40,000 to £45,000 the previous year.

The trust only publishes bonuses in brackets of £5,000, meaning the total paid could be anywhere from £85,000 to £125,000.

Last year it was £105,000 to £145,000.

They were for performance over the previous financial year, 2012/13, when the majority of

By Oliver Evans

their targets were met.

Further targets were missed last year but the amount paid in bonuses for 2013/14 will not be published until next year.

Trust chairman Dame Fiona Caldicott said: "The executive directors have performed extremely well during a period of unprecedented change in the NHS and the performance-related payments reflect the achievement of the team's corporate objectives."

She said the board was "particularly pleased" with a good rating from its largest-ever inspection by the Care Quality Commission in February.

The CQC said Oxford's John Radcliffe Hospital "requires improvement" with concerns like staff shortages, lack of beds and long waiting times.

Conservative Banbury MP Sir Tony Baldry said: "I think it is perfectly sensible that for such a large and complex organisation there should be performance-related pay for key people."

Staff who do not get automatic pay increases have this financial year received a one per cent increase.

The minimum salary for a trust nurse is £21,388.

Mark Ladbrooke, branch secretary for Unison Oxfordshire, said: "With a total salary of about £250,000, our chief executive gets paid the same as about 20 outsourced minimum wage cleaners, catering or portering staff."

"The value of NHS pay is falling and the NHS is having huge difficulty recruiting staff in one of the most expensive areas of the country."

Royal College of Nursing spokesman Victoria Gough said payouts were "really disappointing".

She said: "The trust should use these funds to ensure that they pay enough for nurses to live in an expensive county like Oxfordshire."

Healthwatch Oxfordshire watchdog chief executive Rachel Coney said: "Patients will be concerned to see the awarding of performance-related pay bonuses to executives when nearly 50 per cent of the basic NHS constitution pledges on access are reported as being not met, and some long-standing issues – such as delayed transfers of care – show little sign of improvement."

The trust runs Banbury's Horton Hospital and Oxford's Churchill Hospital and Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre.



ABOVE: Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust chairman Dame Fiona Caldicott

RIGHT: Mark Ladbrooke, the branch secretary for Unison Oxfordshire

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Networking event for social staff

SOCIAL workers are being encouraged to work in the north and west of Oxfordshire by the county council.

An open day will take place in Banbury tomorrow where professionals will be offered the chance of meeting staff who are already working in the areas.

Oxfordshire County Council's social care provision has been rated "good" by Ofsted.

Team manager Julia Hamilton said: "There's a huge amount on offer, from competitive pay and pension to great professional development."

"North and West Oxfordshire is a great place to work and we want to meet colleagues face-to-face to talk about applying for jobs here."

The open day will be held at Samuelson House, in Tramway Road, from 10am to 1pm. For more information call 01865 816669.

New depot plan to meet rail-use growth

BANBURY Railway Station could be expanded to include a maintenance depot for trains.

Network Rail and Chiltern Railways have applied to build a light maintenance depot, along with rail sidings and staff offices, south of the tracks in Bankside, next to the River Cherwell.

It would be capable of housing 58 rail vehicles, together with four track maintenance vehicles.

Trains would be serviced, cleaned, repaired and refuelled at the depot. The work would be done mostly at night. During the day, staff would work on urgent repairs.

There would also be a single-storey office and workshop block next to the depot workshop and 35 parking spaces.

A pedestrian route would be created between the railway station car park and the depot entrance.

The depot would take about a year to build. Chiltern Railways said it hoped to open the facility in 2016.

The site was previously used as

a British Rail engine shed, which closed in the 1960s and was demolished in the 1970s.

The application is set to be discussed by Cherwell District councillors in the New Year.

Chiltern Railways said in a report: "Chiltern Railways has experienced substantial growth in passenger volume on its network, which is expected to continue."

"Network Rail is in the process of developing a realigning scheme for the Banbury area that will involve changes to the track layout and a loss of the current stabling siding facilities around the station area."

"Chiltern Railways has a franchise requirement from the Department of Transport to increase the number of operational rail vehicles to cope with the predicted growth in passenger volumes."

"When this is considered, along with the proposed improvement in train services and the loss of the current stabling capacity at Banbury, there is a need for a new depot facility."

Community bank offers local service

A COMMUNITY bank in Cherwell has launched weekly sessions in Banbury's Bretch Hill Sunshine Centre.

The Cherwell Community Bank was set up by Cherwell District Council and Sanctuary Housing this summer.

The council's housing chief, Debbie Pickford, said: "I was one of the first to open an account with the Community Bank. It's a safe way to save, borrow and budget and a great asset to our residents."

Graham Nolan, head of neighbourhood partnerships at Sanctuary Housing, added: "The bank will be of great benefit to residents in the area and our partnership with the council will mean we can reach out to more people in the community, promoting the benefits of this not-for-profit financial service."

The Sunshine Centre will play host to the bank every Wednesday, from 2.30pm to 4.30pm.

Alcohol-related admissions to hospitals are down

MORE than 9,000 county hospital admissions were alcohol-related in 2012/13, new figures show.

There were 9,340 admissions with the most in Oxford – 2,350 – Health and Social Care Information Data released yesterday showed.

It means there were 1,430

admissions per 100,000 people in the county, with the highest nationally being 3,280 in Middlesbrough.

County admissions were down from 10,100 in 2011/12, the first year the figures were published.

These were where an alcohol-

related disease, injury or condition was the primary reason for hospital admission or a secondary diagnosis.

Promoting good health is the responsibility of Oxfordshire County Council.

Head of commissioning Jo Melling said: "These figures show the damage

done by regular consumption of more than the recommended amount of units per week."

She added: "Although Oxfordshire does not have a significant problem in comparison with England, it is still a reminder of the long-term effects of drinking too much."

■ Court told of masked gang in raids on two homes

Judge sends death driver back to jail

A FATHER from Banbury who was jailed for causing the death of a young doctor in a car crash eight years ago has been sent back to prison for his role in two burglaries.

Nolan Haworth, 27, of Ribston Close, was sentenced to three years and four months at Oxford Crown Court after he admitted being part of a masked group carrying weapons that raided homes in Banbury and Witney.

Ben Plant, 28, of North Street, Banbury, was given a 16-month prison sentence, suspended for two years, for his role in the Witney burglary.

In September 2006, Haworth was jailed for four years for causing Dr Margaret Davidson's death on the A4260, near Deddington, a case that reduced Judge Julian Hall to tears.

Matthew Walsh, prosecuting, told the court that Haworth was part of a group that burgled a home in Mold Crescent,

By Dan Robinson

Banbury, at about 9pm on November 9 last year.

The court heard they forced their way into the house wearing balaclavas and one of them hit the resident in the face with a hammer.

The group left with mobile phones. Police later traced Haworth's vehicle after he was spotted by neighbours "scoping out" the house.

Officers searched his home and found a balaclava, gloves stained with the victim's blood and weapons, including a baseball bat and hammer, in his loft.

Mr Walsh said the second burglary was carried out in Shores Green, Witney, on March 28 this year at about 1am.

They tried to force entry using a sledgehammer but were scared off by a resident armed with an ornamental sword.

Haworth's blood was found on a fragment of smashed glass

and was later arrested. Police tracked down getaway driver Plant as his mobile phone had been used to call the victim.

Both defendants told police they carried out "subordinate" roles and did not carry any weapons.

Haworth, appearing via video link from Bullingdon Prison, read out a letter to the court in which he said he was "gutted" he would miss so much of his two-year-old son's life.

He added: "I'm truly sorry about everything and just wish I could have been stronger to stop what happened."

Lucy Tapper, defending Plant, said he had Huntington's disease, which causes gradual loss of brain functioning. He also had financial problems after fighting for the custody of his two young children.

Judge Ian Pringle said: "This type of behaviour is wholly unacceptable."

The pair had previously denied aggravated burglary but pleaded guilty to an alternative charge of burglary.



LEFT: Nolan Haworth, who was jailed for his role in two burglaries

Haworth was driving without a licence, in a borrowed car and with no insurance when he was involved in a road incident that killed Dr Davidson, 26, who was driving home to Kidlington after a night shift at Banbury's Horton Hospital on May 18, 2006.

He was convicted of causing death by dangerous driving.

Businessman's offer to help foodbank

A BUSINESSMAN is helping tackle poverty by working with a food bank charity.

Steve Archibald, who runs oven-cleaning firm Ovenu Oxford, has offered to collect donations from customers and deliver them to The Trussell Trust's food banks in Banbury and Bicester.

The former chef said: "When I go to customers' homes to clean their ovens, I tell them about the food banks and, if they want to donate anything, I'll use my van to transport it. "It's not just people who are jobless who need help, many who are working can still find themselves struggling."

"Once I explain why we are doing it, many of my customers want to help."

"Everybody has something in their food cupboard they're happy to donate."

More than 1,800 children in Oxfordshire had to live on emergency food from food banks last year – more than double the previous year,



LEFT: Steve Archibald of Ovenu Oxford

according to the Below the Breadline report published earlier this year by the Trussell Trust, Oxfam and Church Action on Poverty.

It also revealed that there were more than 2,500 adults in the county who could not afford to feed themselves. Mr Archibald, 44, who took on an

Ovenu franchise 12 years ago, now has more than 5,000 customers.

Matt Cameron, from The Trussell Trust, said: "We have seen a sharp rise in the number of people using our emergency food service. Many people are made to go hungry, due to a range of different

circumstances, so it is important to tackle this mounting issue."

"We would like to thank Mr Archibald for his support."

To donate to Mr Archibald's Trussell Trust collections, call 01865 556777, email ovenuoxford@gmail.com, or visit www.ovenuoxford.net

Six years on, Polish man is arrested over £25,000 car

A MAN who avoided justice for six years after handing a stolen £25,000 car has been sentenced.

Tomasz Krasuski, 28, of West Street, Banbury, was given a 12-month prison sentence suspended for two years at Oxford Crown Court.

The father-of-one was stopped in December 2008 while driving a BMW he said he had bought for £3,000.

Police checks found it carried false number plates. It had been stolen in September the previous year and Krasuski was arrested.

Officers also found a knife with a 7in blade under his seat.

But Krasuski failed to attend a court hearing and a warrant was issued for his arrest.

Stuart Matthews, defending, said Krasuski returned to his native Poland before his original hearing but seriously injured his arm, which required metal screws. Krasuski also suffered a hernia in an accident, the court heard.

He said he was unable to fly back and then met his wife there, only moving back to the UK last year.

Once Krasuski in the UK, Krasuski went to a police station after losing his identification papers. When nothing was mentioned about the warrant, he assumed the matter had "gone away," Mr Matthew said.

Krasuski was finally arrested last August and admitted handling a stolen vehicle and carrying a bladed article. He was also given a two-month curfew to stay in his home between 10pm and 6am each day.

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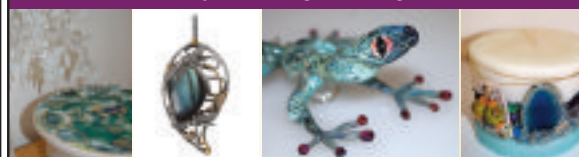
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InBRIEF**Couple face a £17,000 fine**

■ A COUPLE who turned their Burdrop pub into a house without permission have been ordered to pay £17,000, Cherwell District Council has revealed. The council said that Jacqueline and Geoffrey Noguét had submitted seven planning permission requests to change the Bishop End into a home. All were refused. They were found guilty at Oxford Magistrates' Court of failing to comply with an enforcement notice, told to pay £8,527.50 each and given a 12-month conditional discharge.

Parish meeting

■ THE next meeting of Adderbury Parish Council will be held on Tuesday, October 21. The meeting will be held from 7.30pm at the Church House, High Street. The public can attend.

School to expand

■ COUNCIL bosses are planning to expand Hook Norton CofE Primary School. It will mean that from September 2015 the school will be able to admit 45 pupils rather than 30. Oxfordshire County Council said that the move was supported by the school's governors. To comment on the plans, visit consultations.oxfordshire.gov.uk by



On the 30th anniversary of the Recalling night the bombers

THIRTY years on, memories of the 1984 Brighton bomb blast – which outraged the nation – remain fresh in Sir Tony Baldry's mind.

At the time he was a junior MP and attended the Tory Party conference in the seaside town with his then wife, Catherine, and their one-year-old son, Edd.

They chose to stay at the Old

By Andrew Ffrench

Ship Hotel, about 300 yards away from the seafront Grand Hotel, which was torn apart by an IRA bomb on October 12, 1984.

Five people were killed and 31 people injured.

Sir Tony, who will be standing down as MP for Banbury at the next General Election, said: "During the Conservative Party's history it has undergone many dark days as well as good days, but the Brighton bomb was certainly a very dark day.

"It was the year after I had been first elected to Parliament and my wife, Catherine, and I had taken our young one-year old son, Edd, with us down to Brighton.

"I remember on the day before the Brighton bomb, Edd playing on the beach at Brighton with Tony Berry, then a senior Conservative MP who very kindly took time out to play with Edd.

"That night Tony Berry was one of those killed by the Brighton bomb.

"The bomb was of course a terrible tragedy for those who lost

Tory group

A DECISION on who should replace veteran MP Sir Tony Baldry as Conservative candidate for Bicester will be taken next month.

Following a meeting of the North Oxfordshire Conservative Association's executive committee last week, the position of prospective Parliamentary candidate for



ABOVE: Banbury MP Sir Tony Baldry, who recalled the night of horror when an IRA bomb exploded in Brighton in 1984

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InCOURT**Verdicts from magistrates'**

■ IBNAN SALEEM, 36, of The Fairway, Banbury, convicted of an assault by beating in Banbury on April 3. Community order made with 12-month supervision requirement and 100-hour unpaid work requirement. Restraining order made banning contact with victim. Told to pay £100 compensation and £775 costs.

■ LEON CATON, 22, of Harlequin Way, Banbury, admitted possessing

cannabis, a Class-B drug, in Banbury Police Station, Warwick Road, Banbury, on September 15. Also admitted failing to comply with the requirements of a suspended sentence order made by Banbury Magistrates' Court on April 14. Suspended sentence of eight weeks imposed and told to pay £40 costs.

■ LISA TERRY, 40, of Ruscote Arcade, Longelondes Way,

Banbury, admitted stealing a bottle of perfume worth £38 from Debenhams in Banbury on July 31, a bottle of perfume worth £125 from Debenhams in Banbury on July 25, and packets of steak worth £41.76 from the Co-op in Mewburn Road, Easington, Banbury, on July 27. Community order made with nine-month drug rehabilitation requirement, thinking skills programme requirement and 12-month

Brighton bomb blast, MP Sir Tony Baldry recalls that 'black day'

the
IRA
hit

their lives and for those like Margaret Tebbit who were seriously injured.

"However, Margaret Thatcher was resolutely determined that we would in no way be bowed by the IRA.

"The conference the next day went on as usual."

At the time of the blast, Sir Tony feared for the safety of his godmother, Lady Lillian Ashdown, who was also staying at the Grand.

Her husband, Lord Ashdown, was one of the treasurers of the Conservative Party.

Sir Tony said: "Lillian survived the bomb blast.

"I recall her describing how she was blown out of the bed towards the wall, which literally disintegrated as she reached it. Despite that, miraculously she survived.

"She eventually died peacefully of old age some years later.

"By and large, only ministers and senior party officials stayed at the Grand, which was the official conference HQ hotel.

"Catherine and I were staying at the Old Ship because it was



ABOVE: Flashback to October 1984 and the wreckage caused by the IRA bomb at the Grand Hotel, Brighton

convenient, near, and in those days when party conferences were at seaside resorts like Blackpool or Brighton, had more of a holiday feel about them. That was also why we took Edd with us."

In 1984 Sir Tony was no stranger to Brighton.

He spent had four happy years at

Sussex University in the late 1960s and early 1970s and one of the first elections he was involved in was the Hove by-election, when Tim Sainsbury was elected for the Conservatives in 1973.

The Grand Hotel commemorated the anniversary with a minute's silence on Sunday.

begins search for suitable candidates

Bicester has now been formally advertised.

Senior members of the association will be tasked with compiling a list of candidates to be interviewed.

All candidates who will be quizzed by the executive committee and three or four candidates will go through to the final selection.

This will be conducted by all members of the association and will take place on Saturday, November 8.

An announcement will be made after that.

In a statement, the association said: "The decision on which candidates to interview and shortlist rests entirely with North Oxfordshire

Conservative Association."

Last month Sir Tony announced he would be standing down from Parliament at the next General Election after serving for 30 years in the House of Commons.

With a majority of more than 18,000, his seat is considered to be extremely safe and unlikely to change hands.

courts around the county

supervision requirement. Told to pay £79.76 compensation.

■ **ASHLEY DAY**, 29, of Caernarvon Way, Banbury, admitted breaching a restraining order on September 27 in Banbury and committing a further offence while subject to a conditional discharge made by Oxford Magistrates' Court on February 19. Given an 18-week prison sentence because of three

previous convictions for breaching restraining orders and because of significant psychological harm being caused to his victim. Also told to pay an £80 victims' surcharge.

■ **STEVEN FAIRBURN**, 35, of High Furlong, Banbury, admitted possessing cocaine, a Class-A drug, in Banbury on August 30. Fined £400 and told to pay a £40 victims' surcharge and £85 costs.



InBRIEF

HS2 MPs visit to villages

■ A GROUP of MPs visited Oxfordshire on Wednesday of last week as part of the plans to construct the HS2 – a high-speed railway between London and Birmingham. The High Speed Rail Bill Select Committee visited Mixbury and Newton Purcell to see where the proposed train line would go. While they were there, they were met by local residents and Barry Wood, the leader of Cherwell District Council.

Hunt for owners

■ A MAN has been arrested in Banbury after a silver sword and a small axe were among items stolen from cars in North Street. A total of 17 items – including the 18-inch sword, a folding knife, a pair of binoculars, an iPad, Nintendo DS console and a small Adidas sports bag – were thought to have been taken between May 8 and 9 – but police have only just released details. They said a 29-year-old man from Banbury had been arrested in connection with the thefts and bailed until Tuesday, November 25. They want the owners of the items to contact them.

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InBRIEF

Fallen tree blocks canal

■ A **FALLEN** tree caused part of the **Oxford Canal** to be closed, the **Canal and River Trust** said. The Trust started work on removing the tree between **Cropredy** and **Claydon** on Monday. Another tree partially blocked the canal just north of **Kidlington**, but the waterway remained open there. The **Canal and River Trust** advised boaters to take care when passing.

Flu jab plea

■ A **HEALTHCARE** boss has urged at-risk people to get the **flu jab** for the winter. The free injections are recommended for pregnant women, children aged two to four and those under 65 who have diabetes, a weakened immune system, heart disease, chronic respiratory disease, kidney disease, liver disease and chronic neurological diseases like **Parkinson's**. It is also recommended for frontline health and social care workers. **Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group** clinical chairman **Dr Joe McManners** said: "People should not underestimate the effects of seasonal flu. It can seriously affect your health. The risks of developing complications are greater if you have certain medical conditions."

■ Trial could soon be rolled out across the county

Schools set to get their own mental health workers

MENTAL health workers could be based in all of **Oxfordshire's** secondary schools within two years.

Currently the project, launched by **Oxford Health NHS Foundation** and **Oxford University**, sees staff spend half a day each week at three schools.

But it is hoped the scheme could be rolled out to many more.

Employees from the trust's primary child and adolescent mental health services will spend time consulting with staff about which children could benefit from receiving additional support.

They will also see children directly at the school – on a one-to-one basis.

It follows concerns raised last month by England's chief

By **Callum Keown**

medical officer, **Dame Sally Davies**, that not enough children were accessing mental health services.

She said half of adult mental illness started before the age of 15 and 75 per cent by the age of 18.

Dr Mina Fazel, from the University of Oxford's Department of Psychiatry, was behind the programme.

She said: "We are trying to address the fact that mental health services exist but many children don't access them, whether there's a stigma attached or they're fearful. The same workers will go to the same schools each week and become recognisable, predictable and part of the fabric as much as is possible. We want to address some of the accessibility issues."

The scheme was first introduced at the end of the summer term and is being rolled out in six more schools in the new year.

One headteacher said: "Mental health problems can cause great difficulties for young people and their families, impacting many areas of their lives."

"With this initiative launched by **Oxford Health NHS Trust**, and working with **Dr Fazel** and her team, we now have a mental



England's chief medical officer, **Dame Sally Davies**

health professional working on site and more closely with staff and students. As such it is much easier for young people to get the help they need more

quickly. While it is still early days for this approach, my colleagues report that it is already providing benefits for students who need this support."

Tracing county's unnamed carers

MORE people who care for friends and relatives were found in **Oxfordshire** than anywhere else in the **UK**.

Carers Oxfordshire identified 3,000 people as a result of a national campaign earlier this year.

The organisation, funded by **Oxfordshire County Council**, estimates there are 61,000 unpaid carers in the county but it knows of only 18,000.

Carers UK director of policy and public affairs **Emily Holzhausen** said **Oxfordshire** was an "inspiration".

She said: "Carers **Oxfordshire** and the pharmacies have done an amazing job together in identifying carers in the run-up to and during **Carers' Week 2014**. We have never known so many carers identified locally in one short initiative."

She said: "Time and again, research with families and close friends who care for relatives who become ill, frail or disabled say they wish they had known about help earlier."

"Some have missed out on thousands of pounds of help, others felt that they would not have given up work so quickly, and others say their health and well-being would be better."

Carers Oxfordshire head of carers' support **Catherine Blaxhall** said: "This year's effort was a fantastic success and I would like to thank everyone who worked so hard throughout the week."

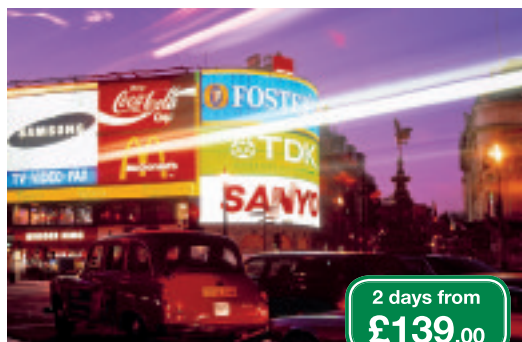
It is to hold a **Caring Matters 2014** Conference on November 27, **National Carers Rights Day**, at **Cowley's** **Unipart Conference Centre**.

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Solar panels 'test case' for community centre

A **COMMUNITY** centre in **Banbury** has been given **£35,000-worth** of solar panels to install on its roof.

Cherwell District Council has agreed that the **Hanwell Fields Community Centre**, in **Rotary Way**, should get the panels to help the centre save money.

The council's community and environment director, **Ian Davies**, said in a report: "Although the centre is well used, it has particularly high running costs, due to its size and design."

"This means that the community association struggles to financially break even. In 2013/14 outgoings exceeded income by **£1,218**."

"The proposed project will assist the centre to remain solvent and continue to provide and facilitate valued community

services. For this reason it is legitimate use of a fund intended to promote community development."

The council will use money from the **Hanwell Fields Community Development Fund**, which has **£69,000** available out of **£135,000** set aside in 2003, to pay for the scheme.

It was approved by the district council's executive committee.

The report estimated the solar panels would bring in **£3,093** a year from selling energy back to the **National Grid** and the annual saving on electricity bills would be **£829**. This means the panels would pay for themselves in nine years.

Mr Davies added the project would serve as a "test case" to see if solar panels would work on other buildings.

£1m boost to continue school reading campaign

PRIMARY and secondary school pupils across **Oxfordshire** are to benefit from a **£1m** drive to continue improvement in reading and writing standards.

The funding boost follows the success of the **Oxfordshire Reading Campaign**, a programme launched in 2012.

Over the past two years, almost 1,200 primary school pupils have taken part in the campaign, run by the **National Literacy Trust** and funded by the county council.

The campaign was initially launched to counter the county's poor **Key Stage 1** exam results from seven-year-olds.

Children taking part in the reading campaign improved in leaps and bounds, raising their reading age by 13 months after only four months on the scheme.

Many primary schools are continuing with the reading campaign techniques.

Now, two new schemes are being launched and will run for two years from January.

Gaining Momentum, continuing the partnership with the **National Literacy Trust**, aims to boost literacy and communication skills further among **Year Seven** and **Eight** pupils — children aged 11 to 13. It will involve up to 20 schools in the county over the two years.

And the second scheme, **Every Child Writes**, will be run with guidance from staff at **Lancashire-based Edge Hill University**.

This will focus on pupils in **Years Three** and **Four** — seven- to nine-year-olds — and involves up to 60 local schools.

■ Hospital chief's solution to hospital crisis

How to beat bed blocking

OXFORDSHIRE'S bed-blocking crisis could be "eliminated" within two years by sending more hospital staff into the community, an NHS boss has claimed.

Hospital director Paul Brennan said plans to send nurses into people's homes could free up much-needed hospital beds.

The county has regularly been cited as England's worst area for bed blocking, where a patient is well enough to go home but cannot because of the lack of home care.

This was often caused because Oxfordshire County Council, which runs social services, had not managed to make arrangements quickly enough.

Such delays can have a major knock-on effect – with operations cancelled and new hospital admissions halted.

Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust began employing its own home carers in 2012 and has 36. Together they support more than 50 patients.

Now it plans to employ four more nurses. That will allow the trust to support about 80 patients in total, about half those who would be "blocking" hospital beds.

Latest figures show 148 beds were "blocked" at the end of August. About 100 of those were in four hospitals run by the trust. These are

By Oliver Evans

Banbury's Horton General Hospital and the John Radcliffe, Churchill and Nuffield hospitals.

The remaining number would be in community hospitals. Now the trust has been given the power – granted by the county council in July – to look after all the discharged patients.

Mr Brennan said an enhanced supported hospital discharge service could cut bed blocking from 100 to 30 or 40 within two years.

He said: "This next stage of work, we feel, will eliminate the problem."

"We now employ staff who are carers. They work with the teams on the wards. When a patient needs to go home, instead of waiting for that care to be put in place, they can provide it for us."

The carers look after people at home for up to two weeks. This gives the county council more time to sort out long-term care.

The trust said the nurses would be able to do a wider range of tasks too – like antibiotic infusions through a needle or catheter or changing difficult dressings.



Hospital director Paul Brennan

A trust statement said: "A major challenge has been to maintain flow across the health and social care system and to ensure patients are cared for in the most appropriate environment for their needs."

"The trust's supported hospital discharge service helps reduce delays by enabling patients to go home sooner."

A county council spokesman said: "We continue to work closely with our health colleagues to deal with the complex issue of delayed transfers of care."

The trust is also in discussions with the Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust – which runs community hospitals – to work more closely together.

Year is added to drug dealer's prison sentence

A DRUG dealer who hid dozens of bags of Class-A drugs from police between his buttocks has been sent to jail.

Brian Loggoh-Robertson, 23, of Kennedy House, Orchard Way, Banbury, was caught with 23 wraps of heroin and seven wraps of cocaine – with a street value of £370 – by police officers at Banbury railway station on June 5.

He was sentenced at Oxford Crown Court to 12 months in jail, adding to the 28-month sentence he is already serving for a drug offence in March.

Nick Doherty, prosecuting, told the court that Loggoh-Robertson was wanted for failing to answer bail for the previous drug allegation at the time of his arrest.

Police were alerted by an off-duty officer, who spotted him at the railway station.

Officers arrested him and found drugs hidden between his buttocks. They were seized, along with £93 in cash.

Loggoh-Robertson had

pleaded guilty at Oxford Magistrates' Court to two offences of possessing Class-A drugs with intent to supply on September 25.

In August, he was sentenced to 28 months in prison after pleading guilty in March to an earlier charge of possessing Class-A drugs, including crack cocaine, with intent to supply.

Defending, Gareth James said Loggoh-Robertson had been under pressure from his drug suppliers to pay back money he lost when he was previously arrested. The defendant had a drug addiction but was undergoing drug and alcohol rehabilitation in prison.

Passing sentence, Judge Eccles said: "The quantity wasn't the biggest seize on the streets but it's plain from your background that you were a regular street dealer of these drugs."

"Drug dealers will prey on people like you and spread this harm around the community."

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Confidence is growing over economy's state

OPTIMISM about the economy is improving in North Oxfordshire, Cherwell District Council bosses said after its annual survey of residents.

Of 335 people quizzed, 40 per cent said they were satisfied that "the economic climate in Cherwell was better than it was 12 months ago", compared to 27 per cent in 2013 and 21 per cent in 2012.

It also found overall satisfaction with the council was 77 per cent in 2014, the highest since it was first recorded at 60 per cent in 2012.

The biggest increase was satisfaction with dealing with anti-social behaviour and nuisance, up from 56 per cent in 2014, compared to 34 per cent in 2006.

A council report said: "It is encouraging that residents are now feeling safer in their local community and over half have noticed the council's efforts at dealing with antisocial behaviour and nuisance."

It added: "There is an increased optimism among Oxford residents about the state of the economy."

"Satisfaction with the availability of good quality jobs is now at its highest recorded level and a significantly higher proportion of residents agree that the economic climate in Cherwell is better than it was 12 months ago."

But 43 per cent said they were affected by spending cuts by the Government.

The council services rated as the highest priority were household waste collection, dealing with anti-social behaviour and nuisance, providing affordable housing, street cleaning and supporting the creation of jobs.

County council survey tries to weed out overgrown routes

Fears for the future of county's unused paths

By Damian Fantato

GREEN campaigners are worried that less popular footpaths in Oxfordshire could fall into disrepair.

The fears have been voiced by Oxfordshire County Council, which is responsible for maintaining rights of way, after it asked town and parish councils to rank the paths in their area by usage.

About 50 town and parish councils have been sent a letter asking them to divide the paths in their area into two categories of usage as part of a trial.

Kate Ashbrook, general secretary of the Open Spaces Society, said this could lead to some footpaths being "relegated" and becoming overgrown.

She said: "We want the county council to stop discriminating between public paths when it has a duty to take care of them all."

Helen Marshall, the director of the Oxfordshire branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England, said she shared the concerns.

She said: "People need to trust

that whichever footpath they use, it will be accessible and well-maintained or the risk is they will stop using a path at all.

"Walking is good for people and good for the planet, and the county council should be doing some joined-up thinking alongside its commitment to low carbon and healthy communities.

"Our footpath network is something our nation should be really proud of, and we should be doing all we can to encourage more people to use it, not working out which bits we can downgrade."

The county council is legally responsible for maintaining rights of way, which are classified as minor highways and protected in law like other roads.

It also maintains a definitive map of all of Oxfordshire's rights of way – which was last updated in 2006 for only the fourth time since 1946.

A council spokesman said: "The council respects and upholds its responsibility to maintain the 2,600 miles of rights of way across Oxfordshire and will continue to do so.

"An exercise was conducted as a first research step in order to better understand the rights of way network with a small sample of around 50 parish and town councils selected.

"This fact-finding stage will start to



The Oxfordshire director of the Campaign to Protect Rural England, Helen Marshall

allow the council to build up a better picture of usage.

"If this study is extended then the results will help inform decisions to ensure that management of those

routes most appropriately reflect the needs of users.

"The council does not currently have any proposals to reduce funding further in this area."



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Fire service in tyres warning

MOTORISTS are urged to tread carefully during October's national Tyre Safety Month.

Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service is encouraging residents to take the 20 pence tyre test to ensure tyres are suitable for the coming months.

Drivers should get tyres inspected by a professional if the outer band of a 20 pence coin is visible after being inserted into a tyre groove.

A good tread should hide part of the inner band of the coin but a worn tread would show all the inner band.

Road safety manager Mick Clarke said: "Tyres are the only thing which connect vehicles to the road, so it is absolutely essential that they are in a

good condition, especially during wet weather.

"If tyres are not roadworthy then they could make a vehicle slide and skid on wet roads, which can be a frightening experience for a driver and potentially dangerous for them and other road users."

Road safety team members will be at tyre safety events in the coming months.

They will provide advice and information, as well as free tyre health checks.

From 10am to 3pm they will be at Cherwell Valley Services Workshop; Witney's Marriotts Talk on Monday, October 20, and Henley town centre on Friday, October 24.

The team will also be at Oxford Toys R Us store on Friday, October 31.

Rooms plea as tourism booms

TOURISM in Oxfordshire had an "exceptional" 2013, but experts are warning a shortage of hotel rooms could hold back further growth.

Spending by overnight visitors increased four per cent last year to £634m, boosting the county's £1.47bn tourism industry – according to a study commissioned by not-for-profit tourism body Experience Oxfordshire.

But tourism and council figures suggested the trend would only increase if more beds were made available.

Experience Oxfordshire chief executive Giles Ingram called the increase in spending "exceptional", but added: "Bedroom availability is limited, through Easter to September in particular.

"Occupancy rates are high by national standards – about 85 per cent. Future growth would be driven faster by an increase in accommodation."

He also called for better use of public space to handle the number of visitors, such as wider footpaths and more public squares.

The boom in holidaymaker spending led to an additional 910 jobs in the sector, according to the report. This led to an increase the labour force by three per cent, up to 31,259 actual jobs in 2013.

Oxford was the most popular tourist destination in the county, attracting 38 per cent of total tourist expenditure in the county.

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Social services in plea for more volunteers to avoid future 'heartbreak'



Katherine Jones, from Banbury, who adopted three sisters

A third of foster siblings split up

MORE than a third of brothers and sisters in foster care in Oxfordshire were split up last year, according to the latest research.

As a result, the county council is recruiting more foster carers so that it can avoid "breaking more young hearts in future".

The charity Action for Children found that 36 per cent of children placed into foster care by Oxfordshire County Council did not stay together, and that a total of 65 of the 179 children placed into foster care between April 2013 and March this year were split from their siblings.

Following the figures obtained by the charity through a Freedom of Information request, the council said it needed more foster carers.

Katherine Jones, 34, from Banbury, adopted three sisters in May last year, but the girls were nearly split up before the Joneses came forward.

Mrs Jones said: "Knowing how close their bond was and seeing them together every day, I couldn't

By Callum Keown

imagine them not being together. It would be heartbreaking.

"The eldest goes to school now and the other two ask about her during the day and they run up to her in the playground when she finishes to find out about her day."

An Oxfordshire County Council spokesman said: "Like many other parts of the country, the council needs to attract more local foster carers, particularly those willing to care for brothers and sisters, and adolescents and children with special needs, to enable them to remain close to their families and maintain links with them."

The charity said that splitting up siblings could cause feelings of loss and abandonment, which affect emotional and mental health.

This increases the risk of further problems in adulthood, said Action for Children, such as difficulty in finding a job, drug and alcohol addiction, homelessness or criminal

activity. John Downing, director of children's placements at the charity, said: "For many children, being taken into care can be a confusing and upsetting time.

"Nobody wants to separate brothers and sisters, but there simply aren't enough foster carers in Oxfordshire who can look after siblings.

"By arming ourselves with a pool of dedicated people who can provide a loving and caring home to groups of children we will avoid breaking more young hearts in the future."

Long-term foster carer, Jenny Barney, 60, recently looked after the eldest of five siblings, aged 12, who was separated from the other four.

Ms Barney said: "We had him for about a week, he was very concerned for the safety of his siblings.

"When he was reunited with them at the end of the week he was still concerned about everything going on around him but he was relieved and much calmer for knowing his brothers and sisters were fine."

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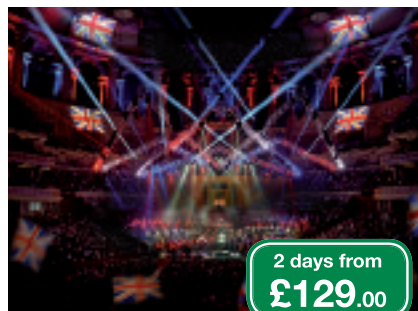
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Salute to top codebreaker

To celebrate this week's release of the film *The Imitation Game* in UK cinemas, Bletchley Park will open a major new exhibition, taking visitors on a fact-finding journey behind the scenes of the highly anticipated movie.

The film stars a host of British acting talent – including Benedict Cumberbatch and Keira Knightley – and is a dramatic portrayal of the life and work of codebreaker Alan Turing.

The Imitation Game focuses on the nail-biting race against time by Turing and his brilliant team of codebreakers at Britain's top-secret Government code and Cypher school at Bletchley Park, during the darkest days of World War II.

The motley group of scholars, linguists, chess champions and intelligence offices had a powerful ally in Prime Minister Winston Churchill – who authorised the provision of any resource they required.

The film spans the key periods of Turing's life, from his unhappy teenage years at boarding school and the triumph of his secret wartime work on the revolutionary electro-mechanical 'Bombe', which was capable of breaking 3,000 Enigma-generated naval codes a day, to the tragedy of his post-war decline, following his conviction for a now outdated criminal offence.

Turning was a complicated and

Bletchley exhibition opens as film released

troubled man, but his contributions and genius significantly shortened the war, saving thousands of lives. He may have been the eventual victim of an unenlightened British Establishment, but his work and legacy live on.

The Bletchley Park exhibition will open on Tuesday, November 4, with an exclusive preview screening of the film for a select audience.

The same evening, the vibrant heritage attraction will preview a major new exhibition all about the making of the film, in the very room where the bar scenes were filmed.

Entering the exhibition on a red carpet in the billiard room, visitors will first see costumes worn by the stars, as well as the boys at Sherborne School, where a young Alan was played by Alex Lawther.

Once inside the ballroom itself, fans can pose for a photo in the bar, and discover more behind-the-scenes gems.

The array of items on display will include the Enigma intercepts that Alan Turing stuffed into his socks and trousers to sneak them off site, the scribbles made by John Cairncross (played by *Downton*

Abbey's Allen Leech) and the prototype Bombe machine that Turing named Christopher, after his first love.

Sarah Kay, Bletchley Park's exhibitions officer, said: "*The Imitation Game* exhibition at Bletchley Park is an opportunity to not only provide our existing audiences with the chance to see some of the film's set dressing and some of the fantastic objects and documents created by the film's art department. It is also an opportunity for us to reach new audiences of film fans who otherwise may not be familiar with the secret war-time work of Alan Turing and the thousands of other heroes who undertook arguably the most important work of their lives.

"The film will reveal the history of Bletchley Park to the world thanks to such incredibly impressive and intense performances by some of Britain's most elite actors.

"Bletchley Park is incredibly proud of what the filmmakers and actors were able to achieve."

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LEFT: Keira Knightley, in a scene from *The Imitation Game*



ABOVE: Benedict Cumberbatch, playing the role of Alan Turing in the film *The Imitation Game*

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ARE YOU MY MATCH? Kind, 59 year old Abingdon female, 5'2", red hair, medium build, love gardening, DIY, fun cosy nights in and cats. Seeking a genuine man with a good sense of humour for a romantic relationship. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 173744 or send a text to 80360

HOPING TO MEET YOU Very outgoing, 59 year old Witney lady, enjoy evenings out, theatre, cooking and walking. Would like to meet a gentleman for company and hopefully more in the future. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 179562

SENSUAL Down-to-earth, vibrant, sensual Luton female, 60, blonde hair, would like to meet a open-minded, kind, understanding gent, for fun, friendship and maybe more. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 156926

SAME WAVELENGTH? Warm and sincere Abingdon female, 60, enjoys cycling, boat sales and walking the dog, would like to meet a calm, genuine and honest man, to share friendship and enjoy happy times together. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 178761 or send a text to 80360

TABLE FOR TWO? Genuine, sincere, 60 year old Witney lady, loves going to concerts and listening to music. Would like to meet a fun-loving gentleman with a zest for life, for friendship and more. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 172746

EIGHT DAYS A WEEK Sincere, honest and fun South Oxford female, 61, brunette, widowed, with many varied interests in life, simply searching for a genuine and loyal man, for dining, walks and the shared company. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 179012

TIME TO START AFRESH Warm and attractive Witney female, 62, 5'2", curvy build, likes cooking, evenings out and all the nice things, now seeking a friendly and faithful man, to share and enjoy life with. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 128289 or send a text to 80360

THIS ENCHANTED EVENING Intelligent, single, licensed and old Witney female, widow, who enjoys socialising, theatre, cinema and holidays. Seeks a male to spend the evenings and weekends with who has similar interests. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 170119

COFFEE AND A CHAT? Kind, caring and fun-loving, 64 year old Thame lady, enjoy being active, Pilates, table tennis, cycling, walking and dancing. Would like to meet a companion for social outings and good times. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 179554 or send a text to 80360

BRIGHTEN MY DAY Down-to-earth, 64 year old Bicester female, enjoy reading, gardening, rugby, watching sports, eating out, holidays, short breaks, theatre and cinema. Seeks a male for friendship initially. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 175514 or send a text to 80360

HITTING THE RIGHT NOTE Quite, polite and easy-going Milton Keynes female, 64, would like to find a nice man of similar age, for nice company and maybe more. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 179624 or send a text to 80360

COMPANY AND CONVERSATION Friendly, single, gentle, 64 year old Bedford female, widow, likes animals, gardening and walking. Would like to meet someone friendly, to go for a drink or a meal out with, company and friendship. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 171628

DESCRIBE YOURSELF Fun loving Bedford male, 65, open minded and active, likes cosy times in, social drinks, reading and music. Would like to meet a male, for friendship. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 154642 or send a text to 80360

COMPANY AND MORE Friendly, honest, 67 year old Aylesbury female, retired, widow, non-smoker, like holidays and camping. Would like to meet a male aged 60-65 for company, maybe more. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 176427 or send a text to 80360

SPARE TIME Reliable, honest and sincere Milton Keynes lady, 67, 5'1, non smoker, widowed, happy and thoughtful, would like to meet a trustworthy, honest gent, for friendship and maybe a loving relationship. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 174357 or send a text to 80360

RELY ON ME Happy, friendly, christian woman, 67, enjoys long walks along the coast, puzzles and 60s music. Looking for a N/S, christian man, to share friendship and a little bit of romance. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 149039 or send a text to 80360

REACH NEW HEIGHTS Slim, attractive, professional Bucks lady, 68, with a zest for life, enjoys cooking, walks, reading, DIY and aviation, searching for an active and interesting man, to add a little colour to life. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 175611

COMPANY AND CONVERSATION Kind and honest Bedfordshire female, 68, would like to meet a male of a similar age, to enjoy evenings out, holidays and general good company. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 176924

WALK OF LIFE Self-assured, strong-minded and motivated Bampton girl, 72, just looking to meet a friendly, trustworthy male, for a time to share and lasting relationship. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 156046



MIX AND MATCH Sociable 35 year old Oxford guy, like running, outdoors, art and music. Searching for an outgoing girl, for good times and great company. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 174011 or send a text to 80360

CARING & CONSIDERATE Kind-hearted, active Oxford man, 38, enjoys staying fit, playing sports, fine dining with friends and family, would like to meet a similar female, for companionship and love. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 147290 or send a text to 80360

FEEL THE LOVE Lively and loyal Oxford male, 40, 5'10", medium build, enjoys motorbikes, clubs, cinema, dining and more, simply searching for a loving and kind woman, to share friendship and happy times. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 171999

QUALITY COUNTS Bright, upbeat and happy Oxfordshire man, 42, with personality and a love of life, would like a date with a bubbly, tender, warm-hearted girl, then to share the good times and great company. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 111253 or send a text to 80360

ARE YOU MY KIND? Kind, caring, 43 year old Oxford male, 5'10", slim build, own car, likes meals out, music, the beach, cinema, pubs and travel. Seeking female between 20-40 for long-term relationship. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 172910 or send a text to 80360

COSE CLOSE Active, kind-hearted and upbeat Oxford bloke, 47, 6'3", looking to find an insightful, liberal woman, for fun and maybe a little romance. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 130080

LUCKY IN LOVE? Oxford male, 47, 5'9", medium build, own flat and car, genuine, honest and caring. Looking for a slim, mature lady, 50-62, to enjoy days out, seaside and nights in and out together. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 174567 or send a text to 80360

MADE FOR EACH OTHER Happy-go-lucky Abingdon-On-Thames male, 48, 5'9", medium build, short hair, likes walks, cinema, social drink, quiet pubs, seeking a nice woman, for friendship and hopefully more. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 166651 or send a text to 80360

HOPE SPRINGS ETERNAL Kind, caring, down-to-earth Thame male, 48, enjoys music, country walks, cooking, reading, films, seeking a kind, sincere, slim female, 25+, Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 137427

CHEEK TO CHEEK Hard-working and happy Oxford male, 52, 5'7", own home, likes socialising, cooking, nights in and good company, now searching for a nice, sincere lady, to share friendship, love and laughter. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 121027 or send a text to 80360

LOVE THE ONE YOU'RE WITH Friendly, warm-hearted Abingdon male, 52, good sense of humour, would like to meet a caring, well-matched girl, to enjoy good times together. Is you're looking for true love then get in touch. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 115894

ACCEPT EACH OTHER Easygoing Wantage male, 53, own car, works full-time, likes most sports, would like to meet an outgoing female, for good times leading to more. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 135164 or send a text to 80360

ALL TO LOVE Kind and caring Oxfordshire male, 54, brown hair, green eyes, GSOH, searching for a nice, genuine girl, for friendship first, then maybe more. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 461278

FUN AND ENJOYMENT Kind, caring and reliable, 54 year old Oxford male, like coastal walks, the countryside, animals, eating out, cosy nights in, history, DIY, cooking, seeking a female for a long-term relationship. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 171063

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THE START OF SOMETHING NEW? Mature Oxford man, 55, 5'8", green eyes, N/S, likes music, walking and keeping fit, GSOH, would like to meet a nice, bright lady, for fun times and see where that leads to. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 158142 or send a text to 80360

TAKE CHARGE Bright, humorous and optimistic Banbury man, 56, would like a date with a chatty, active woman, for good times and great company. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 132836

MAKE A DATE Young-at-heart, blue-eyed Wallingford man, 58, good sense of humour, enjoys dancing, would like to meet a friendly lady, to get to know each other and see where that leads to. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 159203 or send a text to 80360

COME ALIVE Ambitious, unconventional and focused Banbury / Burford / Carterton man, 60, would like to find a protective, committed female, for friendship and romance. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 160696 or send a text to 80360

BY MOONLIGHT Upbeat and faithful Burford chap, 60, widowed, own home and car, hard-working, loves days out, drives, walks, countryside and more, now looking for a similar woman, for true company. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 117916 or send a text to 80360

PASSION FLOWER Creative, instinctive and sympathetic Wallingford man, 61, looking for an approachable, helpful female, to share the future with. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 101122 or send a text to 80360

KEEPING WITH THE TIMES Happy go lucky, blue-eyed Banbury man, 61, 5'6", slim build, likes gardening, cinema, meals out, travel, country side and 60s music, seeks genuine lady, for friendship maybe more. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 156014 or send a text to 80360

FUN AND LAUGHTER Honest, sensitive and decent Oxford man, 61, would like to find a warm-hearted, genuine, caring woman, to share laughter and enjoy life with. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 145981

DECISION IS YOURS Honest, easygoing Yorkshire man living in Banbury, 61, 5'6", slim build, self employed, likes gardening, cooking, cinema, travel, countryside, seeks genuine lady, to share life with. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 140930

SERIOUS ABOUT A RELATIONSHIP? Fun, fit, 62 year old Oxfordshire guy, would like to meet a nice lady for friendship and hopefully a long-term relationship. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 179793 or send a text to 80360

LOCAL LADY? Polite, honest, genuine, 62 year old Wallingford male, 6ft, widower, wear glasses, like staying in, going out, movies and weekends away. Seeks a nice, honest female for company and friendship. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 173013 or send a text to 80360

POSITIVE ATTITUDE Fit Latino male, 63, looking for someone who can share fun, life in general and run my own business. I have children and grand children. Interests: music/comedy. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 460522

SOUND LIKE YOUR MATCH? Tall, handsome, fit Abingdon male, 63, slim build, enjoys DIY, gardening, travel and walking, seeking a slim, petite, adventurous female, for good company and to enjoy a happy life with. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 159314

FAMILY LIFE Well educated male, 59, 1'9" in Oxford. I'm an active guy and run my own business. I have children and grand children. Interests: music/comedy. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 455368

MORE IN TIME Thoughtful, kind, self-employed Witney male, 66, loves cinema, theatre, eating out and more, searching for a serious-minded lady, for a loving and lasting relationship. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 109413 or send a text to 80360

WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD Tender, fit and romantic Oxford man, 67, would like to find a woman interested in the arts for friendship, sharing some of life's memorable moments including concerts and long country walks. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 150131

ARE YOU MY DREAM? Young-looking, solvent, loyal, 68 year old male, Oxfordshire, various interests, travel, cinema, music, ect. and new adventures, seeks a nice, loyal, feminine lady for companionship initially. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 132140

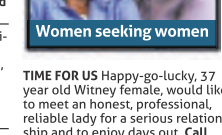
IT'S A BEAUTIFUL DAY Loyal, genuine, solvent Oxfordshire male, 68, 5'9", 11st, own home and car, retired professional, loves music, theatre and exploring new ideas, seeks an attractive, feminine lady, to share life. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 104998

START OF A NEW JOURNEY Cheerful, slim, fit Banbury male, 71, ex forces, GSOH, likes sports, walks, animals and cosy evenings in, searching for a decent, positive lady, to settle down with and share a happy future. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 104901 or send a text to 80360

SEE FOR YOURSELF Youthful, faithful, liberal and sympathetic Middlesbrough man, 74, looking for a sweet, sensitive woman, for good times and great company. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 141502

DANCE INTO TOMORROW Fun, talkative and friendly Oxford guy, 79, non smoker, likes social drinks from time to time, just hoping to meet a bubbly, confident lady, to build a loving and lasting relationship with. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 109037

GOOD COMPANY Honest, genuine, 80 year old Oxford male, widower, mature, would like to meet a lady for company and to enjoy future happiness together. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 180132 or send a text to 80360



TIME FOR US Happy-go-lucky, 37 year old Witney female, would like to meet an honest, professional, reliable lady for a serious relationship and to enjoy days out. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 179903 or send a text to 80360

SAIL AWAY Sociable, bubbly and happy Bicester female, 42, seeking a chatty, optimistic female, for good times and great company. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 147448 or send a text to 80360



2 OF A KIND Straight-forward and sincere Kidlington male, 67, enjoys nights out, cosy times and weekends away, searching for a warm and faithful man, to share romantic times and a loving future. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 180484 or send a text to 80360

THAT'S ALL FOR NOW... Easygoing, friendly Didcot male, 67, enjoys walks, theatre, cosy times in, socialising, seeks a friendly, active chap, for company and more. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 131800 or send a text to 80360

SOCIAL TIMES Caring, sociable 68 Abingdon-On-Thames male. I am semi-retired, presentable and cheerful, looking for similar male to share good times, fun and friendship with. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 161819 or send a text to 80360

LET'S EXPLORE Abingdon male, 70, 5'9", medium build, easygoing and affectionate, looking for someone similar, to share fun and good times. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 453567 or send a text to 80360

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Nerve-shredding thriller as IRA goes on the hunt

'71 (15, 99 mins) Thriller/Action. Jack O'Connell, Sean Harris, Paul Anderson, Killian Scott, Martin McCann, Barry Keoghan, Sam Reid, Richard Dormer, Charlie Murphy, Corey McKinley, David Wilmot, Jack Lowden. Director: Yann Demange.

A teenage soldier becomes separated from his platoon in the cauldron of violence that is 1971 Belfast in Yann Demange's nail-biting survival thriller.

Punctuated by kinetic action sequences that relentlessly tighten the knot of tension in our stomachs, '71 is a dazzling debut from the TV director, who made the acclaimed Channel 4 series *Top Boy*.

Demange puts leading man Jack O'Connell through the physical wringer as he explores the sectarian divide through the eyes of a wet-behind-the-ears recruit, who is marked for death by the Provisional IRA and supposed allies.

Juddering handheld camerawork during chase sequences and a nerve-racking game of hide-and-seek keep us uncomfortably close to the carnage, and only a few hours after the stricken soldier has foolishly assured his kid brother that this first tour of duty will be a breeze: "I'm not leaving the country, so you've got nothing to worry about."

Home is where the heartbreak is. Squaddie Gary Hook (O'Connell) completes his gruelling training and is immediately dispatched to the Northern Irish capital to facilitate the fragile peace.

Under the command of platoon leader Lieutenant Armitage (Sam Reid), Gary and fellow recruits head to the Catholic west.

At first, hostility amounts to little more than potty-mouthed children throwing water bombs full of urine.

However, a house-to-house search spirals out of control and during the subsequent riot, Gary and pal Thommo (Jack Lowden) are left behind.

A small gang of Provisional IRA, comprising ruthless leader Quinn (Killian Scott), sidekick Haggerty (Martin McCann) and newbie Sean (Barry Keoghan) shoot Thommo at close range but Gary escapes, sprinting down alleyways with the gun-toting assailants in pursuit.

Thankfully, Gary finds sanctuary and as night falls, he traces a path back to the barracks under cover of darkness.

A boy called Billy (Corey McKinley) offers assistance but when the tyke's makeshift plan goes horribly wrong, Gary turns to Brigid (Charlie Murphy) and her father, Eamon (Richard Dormer), a former Army medic, who has had his fill of the uniform.

"You're just a piece of meat to them," Eamon warns Gary.

'71 masterfully sustains tension without getting bogged down in the thorny politics of the era.

Nerves are shredded to tatters in the opening half hour and screenwriter Gregory Burke wrings every drop of suspense from his neat set-up.

A detour to a loyalist pub is orchestrated and edited with brio.



Jack O'Connell, as squaddie Gary Hook, in a scene from '71

Picture: PA Photo/
Studio Canal

O'Connell follows up his bruising portrayal of a young offender in *Starred Up* with another emotionally charged performance, holding his character's fears at bay until that particular dam bursts and sobs rack his aching body.

Lines between allies and adversaries are repeatedly blurred, stacking the odds heavily against Gary as he ducks for cover, and we hunker down with him, brows beaded with sweat and knuckles white with fear.

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Music

FRIDAY: Holywell Music Room, Holywell Street, Oxford: Octet in F & Settings of Scholze. The OAE perform Schubert's remarkable response to Beethoven's *Septet*, and Dietrich Henschel (baritone) explores the poems of Ernest Scholze. These settings date from 1825 and 1826 and are often considered as precursors of the Winterreise style. £25. 7.30pm. 01865 305305.

Jericho Tavern, Walton Street, Oxford: Mo'Mojo playing rock and pop covers. All proceeds to Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research. DJ Jonny G spinning the iPod. £10 (students £5). 8pm. 01865 782875.

The White House, Abingdon Road, Oxford: Oxford Folk Club open night. £2. 8.30pm. 01865 768128.

SATURDAY: Barracks Lane Community Garden, Barracks Lane (off Cumberland Road) Oxford: Oxford Ukuleles play. Part of the group's apple and pear day. Free - but donations to the garden

welcome. 12.30pm. 07729 655543. **Holywell Music Room, Holywell Street, Oxford:** Family Concert. An interactive concert for all the family, led by Sam Glazer. Free. 2pm. 01865 305305.

Jacqueline du Pré Music Building, St Hilda's College, Cowley Place, Oxford: A Schubertiade. A range of artists join together for this special evening of songs, part songs and piano duets, interspersed with Austrian wine tasting, as the Jacqueline du Pré stage is transformed into a Viennese salon, reminiscent of the social gatherings at which many of Schubert's works were heard for the first time. £25. 7pm. 01865 305305.

St Giles Church, St Giles, Oxford: Chris Garrick, world-acclaimed jazz violinist makes spell-binding music with the astonishing playing of brilliant composer and pianist David Gordon. £10 (£8 and £5). 7.30pm. 01865 514575. **SUNDAY: King's Sutton Parish Church, The Square, Kings Sutton Banbury:** Stowe School

musicians in concert. The Stowe School String Orchestra & Chamber Choir perform Handel's *Gloria*. £12 / £10 children free. 7pm. 01295 810967.

Theatre

THURSDAY: New Theatre, George Street, Oxford: *Carmen*. Thursday and Friday. 7.15pm. Welsh National Opera. Sung in French with English surtitles. £17.90-£58.90 + trans. fee. 0844 8713020.

FRIDAY: New Theatre, George Street, Oxford: *Moses in Egypt*. Friday. 7.15pm. Welsh National Opera performs Rossini's bel canto interpretation of the Exodus story. £17.90-£58.90 + trans. fee. 0844 8713020.

SATURDAY: New Theatre, George Street, Oxford: *William Tell*. Saturday. 6.30pm. Welsh National Opera performs Rossini's last opera. Sung in French with English surtitles. £17.90-£65.90 + trans. fee. 0844 8713020.



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Banbury take another tumble

BANBURY United were sunk by Matt Taylor's double as they slid to defeat against Evo-Stik Southern League Premier Division basement rivals Arlesey Town at Spencer Stadium.

Following an uneventful opening, a defensive mistake saw Arlesey's Mark Gallagher race through the defence in the 15th minute.

Leigh Bedwell did well to save his shot from just inside the penalty area, but the loose ball rolled towards goal and Taylor provided the finishing touch from two yards.

Banbury's Shepherd Murombedzi had an overhead bicycle kick deflected

Banbury United 0
Arlesey Town 2
(Taylor 15,85)

just wide by a defender, while Gallagher should have done better for Arlesey when Bedwell presented the ball to him as he attempted to clear – but the striker's shot from 30 yards went well over the bar.

Two minutes before the interval, Jacob Walcott crossed for Josh Shama to fire in a shot from a narrow angle at the near post, which Nick Thompson pushed behind.

Another Walcott centre after the break saw Leam Howards head over

under severe pressure from former Puritan James Sage.

Arlesey had chances to increase their lead with Dean Mason blasting over the bar twice within the space of a minute.

Banbury's fate was finally sealed five minutes from time in unfortunate circumstances when a clearance from the edge of the penalty area by Callum White hit Taylor and rebounded into the corner of the net past Bedwell.

Banbury Utd: Bedwell, Cray, Lynn, Martin, Fishwick, Westbrook (White HT), Walcott, Murombedzi (Shama, Howards, White 68), Tappin (Brown, HT). Subs not used: Jervis, Mzungwana. **Attendance:** 313.

Title for karting Connor

A YOUNG karter has become a racing champion after winning his club's coveted championship title.

Connor Kearney, pictured, has been crowned Rissington Kart Club

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out of his 32 races.

Connor said: "I just love the thrill of it. When you pass someone and how you feel when you win something."

"To start off with it's a bit nerve wracking but as soon as the race starts, I feel fine and it's really great. I want to do this professionally."

Connor has been racing with the Burghfield Common club for the past two years.

But he began racing at the age of seven after being inspired when seeing father Brian, 37, working on his car.

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TAURUS Apr 20-May 20 **SCORPIO** Oct 23-Nov 21
Work has been taking its toll on you and many of your bulls have quite clearly been burning the candle at both ends. Try to use Tuesday as your power day to sit down and work out a more sensible schedule for your day to day life. You have not been honest about what and who you want, but if you are you'll find life is yours for the shaping. Ring now to hear who your true friends are.

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GEMINI May 21-Jun 20 **SAGITTARIUS** Nov 22-Dec 21
Love and relationships are set for some really positive influences and you start to worry less about the future and care more about today. If you were thinking of going into a solo business venture then you should know that you have the backing of the stars for success. Travelling long distance may be tiresome, but can bring fantastic news and results. Ring now for a surprising career prediction.

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CANCER Jun 21-Jul 22 **CAPRICORN** Dec 22-Jan 19
How is it that someone from your past can still get to you and upset you? Cancer? You have to move on and cut them out of your life as they're not worth the stress they cause you. They're also stopping you from enjoying the company of those who are worth your time and energy. News of a split gives you reason to question someone's honesty. Ring now for your future to be revealed.

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LEO Jul 23-Aug 22 **AQUARIUS** Jan 20-Feb 18
Your ruling planet the Sun helps you to sort out a work matter which was beginning to get the better of you. Your problem was that you were trying to do everything on your own but, from this weekend, you seem to have learnt the art of communication and compromise. An Aries introduces you to a more enjoyable lifestyle and helps you to be you again. Ring now to hear who was holding you back.

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VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22 **PISCES** Feb 19-Mar 20
Friends mean a lot to a Virgo. But recently it seems that you've been giving and not receiving. Time to do a quick check and to ask yourself who those signs are. Raise the bar and make sure you are being treated as you should be. Remember how it feels to not stand up for yourself? Don't be a doormat again. Ring now to hear how Mars helps you put the tun back into your future.

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More than a century on, Citroën has turned that simple idea on its head. With its distinctively-styled DS range, you can choose just about anything you like.

Never mind choice of colour, now you can specify roof and body shades, exterior and interior colour combinations, materials, finishes, trims and equipment — even the key fob is tailored to the vehicle.

This desire for personalisation has been a key to success for a number of models, most notably the Oxford-built Mini, with the carmaker claiming that there is virtually no chance of any two Minis on the road being identical.

Citroën's Mini-rivalling DS3 'premium' supermini offers a similar level of choice, in fact claiming a 'virtually infinite array of combinations'.

But enough of this. What's it like to drive?

In short, it is a little cracker.

At under four metres long, the DS3 is a perfect city car while also offering a surprising amount of cabin space. With five seats, a 60:40 split-folding rear bench and the biggest boot in the segment, the versatile DS3 handles people and luggage with ease.

It is also far more capable than a

By David Duffy

simple urban runabout. The test car, fitted with a 115 horsepower turbodiesel engine, offers the cost-saving combination of no vehicle excise licence to pay and the potential of covering 70 miles for every gallon of fuel. In my spell at the wheel covering several hundred miles of mixed town and motorway driving, I managed just over 60mpg.

The ride is firm, but not uncomfortable, and settles down to make long-distance driving relaxed. The gearbox on the test car was a slick, short-shifting, six-speed manual which was both light and positive.

Split-folding rear seats that fold almost flat at the tug of a lever make the car surprisingly practical and safety is top notch, with the car carrying a five-star Euro NCAP rating



GALLIC FLAIR: The DS3 offers a huge range of options to ensure virtually every car is unique

for occupant protection. The cabin is comfortable and classy with a mix of leather and chrome giving an upmarket air.

The luxury feel is boosted by low-slung, body-hugging seats, a leather-trimmed flat-bottomed steering wheel, steering wheel-mounted controls and on the test model, a seven-inch colour satellite navigation system.

So if you fancy a stylish supermini, with more than a little Gallic flair and you enjoy choosing everything from the colour of the roof, size and colour of your wheels, dashboard and even the gearknob, this could be for you.

Auto facts

Model: Citroën DS3 DSport e-HDi 115 Airdream
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Roadsafetynews

Overseas drivers escape speed fines

THE Institute of Advanced Motorists (IAM) has revealed that overseas drivers have escaped 23,295 speeding offences since January 20131 – the equivalent of £2.3 million worth of speeding tickets.

The figures were revealed following a freedom of information request to police authorities, which asked how many overseas motorists had been caught by speed cameras across England and Wales.

As foreign vehicles are not registered with the DVLA these speeding offences are not pursued. The highest number of

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Merseyside, with a reported 2,477 offences and the highest speed recording of 87mph in a 70mph zone

Warwickshire, with a reported 2,152 offences – no highest speed recorded

The Metropolitan Police that covers 32 London boroughs followed in at sixth position with a recorded number of 1,586 offences taking place across the

Greater London area, with a high speed recording of 98mph on the A406 North Circular Road – a 50mph zone.

IAM's director of policy and research, Neil Greig said: "The high numbers of overseas speeders on our roads show how important it is that the UK joins up with the rest of Europe to harmonise motoring offences and give the police extra powers to pursue dangerous drivers.

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■ NISSAN has made the first customer delivery of the all-new Nissan Pulsar, ahead of its full roll-out this autumn. To mark the occasion Nissan's UEFA Champions League ambassador and FC Barcelona star, Andrés Iniesta, was on-site at the Barcelona plant where the vehicle is produced to take delivery of his Pulsar, and was given the opportunity to drive the family hatchback off the line.

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